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Woodbridge Environmental Tree-Planting Set for SAT., APRIL 10

**Pin Oak Forest in Avenel To Get
2,400 New Trees**

WHAT: *The Elizabethtown Gas Company, Woodbridge Township Environmental Commission, Woodbridge RiverWatch, local environmental organizations, and Township volunteers will gather at the Pin Oak Forest in the Avenel section of Woodbridge Township to plant 2,400 tree seedlings as part of the continuing effort to reclaim and preserve the 97-acre forest and wetlands area as an environmental resource.*

The tree-planting project, funded through a \$5,000 grant from Elizabethtown Gas Company and Conservation Resources, Inc., represents a unique carbon sequestration project designed to trap CO2 and reduce greenhouse gases in the forest and surrounding region. Project volunteers will plant 2,400 sweet gum, black gum and red maple trees. The Pin Oak Forest, a former polluted area which is home to the headwaters of the Woodbridge River, is now a "reclaimed" and nearly pristine open space resource. The two-acre planting area will be monitored over the next two years to determine how much greenhouse gas is being sequestered by the growing trees.

WHEN: **SAT., APRIL 10, 2010**
9:00 a.m. to Dusk
Opening Program ~ 10:00 A.M.

WHO *Ernie Oros, former State Assemblyman and founder of Woodbridge RiverWatch
Elizabethtown Gas Company workers and volunteers
Woodbridge Township Department of Public Works and Recreation
Representatives and Volunteers of Woodbridge Township Environmental*

Groups

WHERE: *Planting teams will muster at the Omar Avenue entrance to the Pin Oak Forest Avenel, Woodbridge Township.*

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